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REGION 5
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Title: Region 5 Tribal Radon Grants for Fiscal Year 2006 Funding

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Executive Summary:

Below is a brief time line, along with a short summary of the important dates and information necessary to properly fill out the forms required to be considered for this competition solicitation.

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Notice of Selection Date:	April 21, 2006
Final Award Process Initiation Date:	June 16, 2006
Final Award Date:	September 30, 2006

Mailing and general contact information for this solicitation: Applicants must submit hard copies by mail, or electronic submittals through Grants.Gov website.

Applicants must mail hard-copy proposal forms to the following address:

ATTENTION: Tribal Radon Grants Competition
Attention: Regional Radon Coordinator
USEPA Region 5
Integrated Air Toxics Section
77 West Jackson Boulevard (AT-18J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Information: Radon Program
(312) 886-6026

Applicants must use the Federal electronic grant application filing process for their proposals at the Grants.Gov website, for electronic submittals. Information on how to apply electronically is included in Section IV copied from the Grants.gov website, as well as the website. <http://grants.gov/>

Electronic Mail Contact:

Michael H. Murphy, Regional Radon Coordinator
Murphy.michael@epa.gov

I. Funding Opportunity Description:

In the last several years, a growing body of scientific evidence shows that air within buildings can be more seriously polluted than outdoor air. People spend as much as 90% of their time indoors. Thus, for many people the risks to health may be greater due to exposure to air pollution indoors than outdoors

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) was mandated by Congress under Title III of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), also known as the Indoor Radon Abatement Act (IRAA), to fund State and Tribal Agencies to provide education, outreach and encourage testing and mitigation for indoor radon exposures, so that indoor radon exposures may be eventually reduced to no greater than outdoor exposures. Under IRAA, the Congress may allocate funding up to a maximum of \$10 million to fund projects by grants to State or Tribal organizations. The State Organizations with the responsibility for addressing radon in the respective states are to be specifically designated by the Governor of the State. The Tribal Chair or Tribal Council performs the same determination for their Tribal lands.

Purpose: The purpose of this solicitation notice for Tribal Indoor Radon Program Grants is to support the achievement of USEPA's Objective, Goal 1, Objective2, (under the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA)) that by the year 2005, 15 million more Americans will live or work in homes, schools, or office buildings with healthier indoor air than in 1994. This Congressional Mandate, under IRAA, is being met through this funding opportunity in Tribal lands to meet Tribal needs.

Environmental Results: Measurable environmental results for all projects must be included in the work plans submitted under this solicitation. Environmental results not only assess the success of an applicant's project, they also gauge the effectiveness of USEPA's programs by ensuring that USEPA's limited resources are used to further the Agency's Strategic Goals. Under the revised Goal 1 of USEPA's GPRA Objective 1.2 Healthier Indoor Air Objective, it states that through 2008, 22.6 million more Americans than in 1994 will be experiencing healthier indoor air in homes, schools, and office buildings. Specifically, 7.8 million additional students and staff will experience improved air quality in their schools. It is required that all proposals link their grant activities to the results that are being achieved as stated in Clean Air Act Section 103(a)(5) "...relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention and control of air pollution." The following discussion covers these results that should be discussed within the proposals.

Expected outcomes and outputs for any of the funding areas for consideration will need to be addressed in the proposal. The term “outcome” means the result, effect or consequence that will occur from carrying out an environmental program or activity that is related to an environmental or programmatic goal or objective. The term “output” means an environmental activity, effort and/or associated work products related to an environmental goal or objective that will be produced over a period of time or by a specified date.

The specific outputs listed below, with the end outcome of reducing the exposures of the public to risks associated with radon exposures under this program are listed in the following bulleted criteria that must be met or addressed by the grantee in their workplan for consideration for grant funding to be awarded. The criteria to be met, as required under IRRA, and most current Program Guidance include:

- Promotes radon-resistant new construction, and encourages testing and mitigation, when necessary, in conjunction with real estate transactions,
- Plans and/or promotes school testing and mitigation, where necessary,
- Considers ways to target funding in innovative projects and/or research in support of implementing alternate innovative radon strategies to improve the radon program,
- Sets measurable environmental radon goals that can be met within the grant project period, and
- Promotes and/or develops State, Tribal, Local, and private sector indoor air coalitions to include measures to address radon exposure issues.

Examples of projects eligible for funding include (but are not limited to) educational and training workshops designed to assist the target audience on the methods that can be used to minimize radon exposures in the indoor environments in their buildings; schools testing programs; residential testing programs; radon mitigation demonstration projects (these are very limited and have additional restrictions that must be met); and informational presentations to the public at any type of health fair, or speaker request for public presentations on radon issues.

The USEPA recommends that Tribes pursue partnerships with other agencies and organizations, e.g. local health departments, State and local environmental agencies, American Lung Associations, and American Cancer Societies to be able to leverage limited resources available under this solicitation.

There will be two opportunities for direct questioning via conference calls that are currently scheduled on February 15, 2006, and March 1, 2006, at 9:00 am to 10:30 am Central Time. The call in number and access code for these calls is (866) 299-3188, with the access code being 3123534418#. The questions and the answers will be posted on the USEPA Region 5 website along with a copy of this solicitation at <http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/tribes/contacts.htm#grants>. There will be no additional information provided for the pre-application process, other than these calls and the responses that are posted to this website.

Additional information on radon and the USEPA radon program may be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/radon> and/or at the Region 5 website at <http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/tribes/contacts.htm#grants>. No other pre-application

assistance will be available.

II. Award Information

USEPA Region 5 has up to a total of \$150,000 available to award grants deemed appropriate to fund Tribal Radon Programs in USEPA Region 5. USEPA Region 5 will award up to a maximum of 3 grants, based upon the evaluation scoring and final funding that is available. Grant requests must be no less than \$25,000 and no more than \$50,000. These are project grants are for a period of one year only. The USEPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and make no awards under this announcement. USEPA may also partially fund projects to the extent that they meet the criteria specified in Sections I and IV, for a Tribal Radon program as specified in this solicitation, and as the funds are available for award of these grants.

USEPA reserves the right to partially fund proposals/applications by funding discrete activities, portions, or phases of the proposed project. If USEPA decides to partially fund the proposal/application, it will do so in a manner that does not prejudice any applicants or affect the basis upon which the proposal/application, or portion thereof, was evaluated and selected for award, and that maintains the integrity of the competition and the evaluation/selection process.

USEPA reserves the right to make no awards under this solicitation. If no projects are to be funded under this solicitation, all applicants will be notified by March 31, 2006, or as soon as this has been determined to be necessary.

III. Eligibility Information

Only federally recognized Indian Tribes, Tribal Designees or Tribal Governmental entities that will perform the work under this project in Region 5 on Tribal lands, are eligible to apply under the CFDA 66.032, for this solicitation. An appropriate Justification has been submitted and accepted for limiting the competition for this RFA.

While a waivable five percent (5%) match is generally required by statute under this authority, the National Program Office has permanently waived this match. So, there is no match requirement for this grant program at this time.

Grant requests made under this solicitation must be no less than \$25,000 and no more than \$50,000 to be accepted for evaluation.

Submission of SF 424, 424A, and the workplan is required to be eligible for evaluation. Also, information specified in the Priority Topic Areas in Section IV must be submitted for the application to be accepted for evaluation.

The 12-month budget and project period will end on September 30, 2007. If this end date is not used and a later end date is submitted, then we cannot consider funding for the next grant cycle.

Ineligible items: USEPA will not fund the acquisition of real property (including buildings) or the construction or modification of any building that is not approved in the

enabling legislation, the Indoor Radon Abatement Act of 1989.

Eligible items: The applicant may request funds to pay for salaries and fringe benefits, but only for those personnel who are directly involved in implementing the proposed project and whose salaries and fringe benefits are directly related to specific products or outcomes of the proposed project. EPA strongly encourages applicants to request reasonable amounts of funding for salaries and fringe benefits following the guidance found in OMB Circular A-87. Finally, applicants may include a request for indirect costs only if their organization has already negotiated and received an indirect cost rate from the federal government.

IV. Application and submission Information

All forms may be requested at the contact address in this solicitation or accessed on the internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm> or at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_forms.html.

The pre-application contains three parts: 1) the "Application for Federal Assistance", Standard Form 424 (SF 424), 2) the "Budget Information: Non-Construction Programs", Standard Form 424A (SF 424A), and 3) a work plan (described below). To ensure your pre-application is completed properly, carefully follow the instructions on the SF 424, SF 424A, and those provided below. The SF 424, SF 424A, and the completed work plan must be submitted for evaluation and they contain all the information USEPA will use to evaluate the merits of your pre-application for this funding. Only finalists will be asked to submit all of the additional forms (that are listed in the Grants.Gov instructions below) are needed and required to complete the grant application process upon being chosen for funding.

No organization will be awarded more than one grant for the same project during the same fiscal year. Applicants who were awarded funding previously may submit a pre-application/proposal. Please note that two grants for the same type of work in the radon program that are concurrent or overlap are not permitted.

Each pre-application will be evaluated based upon the specific criteria set forth in this solicitation. If these forms (SF424, SF424A, and Workplan) are not submitted, the application will not be accepted. The final date for submission of all pre-application packages is March 31, 2006. Proposals and pre-applications postmarked after this date shall not be considered, and any unobligated funding will be released for use by States or other Tribal Programs, as may be appropriate

Project Summary: Provide USEPA with an overview of your entire project. The summary must be no more than two pages and must briefly include all five of the following to be considered for evaluation, as well as include information addressing past performance in documenting outputs and outcomes, if applicable:

- 1) Description of your organization and expertise (and key partners);
- 2) Goals and specific objectives of the project;
- 3) Demographics of your target audience (estimated number of participants and type of individuals reached);

- 4) Marketing or promotional strategy;
- 5) Time-line of proposed project.

Project Description: Provide USEPA with a description of your proposed project. That description must contain the following information:

- 1) Describe the following Priority Topic Areas which will be addressed and the applicant's experience with these topic areas:
 - Promotes radon-resistant new construction, encourages testing and mitigation, when necessary, in conjunction with real estate transactions,
 - Plans and/or promotes school testing and mitigation, where necessary,
 - Considers ways to target funding in innovative projects and/or research in support of implementing alternate innovative radon strategies to improve the radon program,
 - Sets measurable environmental radon goals that can be met within the grant project period, and
 - Promotes and/or develops State, Tribal, Local, and private sector indoor air coalitions to include measures to address radon exposure issues;
- 2) Identify the geographic locations and extent of anticipated environmental impact of the project in the Region;
- 3) Discuss how the proposed project incorporates the Regional aspects to the listed priority areas.
- 4) Provide the relative cost of USEPA Region-funded portion of project compared to the relative benefit;
- 5) Provide and document the staff experience and other resource support (including funding);
- 6) Discuss how the proposed project coordinates and forms cooperative working groups with partners (letters of support from identified partners will be required at time of final grant application);
- 7) Incorporate measurable environmental results criteria.

Project Evaluation: Provide USEPA with an explanation of how you will determine or measure whether you are meeting the goals and objectives of your project. Evaluation plans may be quantitative and may include, for example, observation, or outside consultation. If these forms (SF 424, SF424A, and workplan) and information specified in the Priority Topic Areas are not submitted, the application will not be accepted for evaluation.

Appendices: Provide USEPA with a detailed budget, curricula vitae/resumes of key personnel, and letters of commitment. Include a list of all previous grants with USEPA for the timeliness and completion review. This may be provided as a listing or as a short narrative, at the option of the applicant.

Also, it is required that all initial work plans in the pre-applications must not exceed five (5) pages in length, 4 pages for the workplan and one page for an itemized budget breakout.

Additionally, the applicant must submit one original and two copies of the pre-application (a signed SF424, an SF 424A, and the work plan for hard copy submission only). Please submit only the forms and work plan. Do not include other attachments such as cover letters, tables of contents, or appendices other than those required (budget, curricula vitae/resumes, letters of commitment, as appendices). The SF 424 form must be the first page of your pre-application and must be signed by a person authorized to receive funds. Pre-applications must be reproducible; these documents need to be unbound for reproducibility for evaluation. All materials need to be available to be transmitted in an electronic format by electronic mail, upon request, if the project is chosen to be awarded.

Any information that the Tribal Radon Grant Applicants in Region 5 submit, including pre-applications and proposals, will be considered publicly available, unless clearly marked, or that it is indicated that the information is Confidential Business Information, or is to be considered as proprietary information. Also, all information must be available in electronic format to be able to be sent via e-mail to USEPA on request.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.203, applicants may claim all or a portion of their application/proposal as confidential business information. USEPA will evaluate confidentiality claims in accordance with 40 CFR Part 2. Applicants must clearly mark applications/proposals or portions of applications/proposals they claim as confidential. If no claim of confidentiality is made, USEPA is not required to make the inquiry to the applicant otherwise required by 40 CFR 2.204(c) (2) prior to disclosure.

The 12-month budget and project period will end on September 30, 2007. If this end date is not used and a later end date is submitted, then we cannot consider funding for the next grant cycle.

Instructions for electronic submittal copied from the Grants.Gov website and modified to meet USEPA Region 5 requirements for this RFA

Grants.gov Application Instructions Example

General Application Instructions

This Information can also be found on the Grants.gov website, and is copied from that site, with Region 5 specifics added as needed.

The electronic submission of your application must be made by an official representative of your institution who is registered with Grants.gov. and is authorized to sign applications for federal assistance For more information, go to <http://www.grants.gov> and click on “Get Started,” and then click on AOR (“Authorized Organization Representative”) on the left side of the page *Note that the registration process may take a week or longer to complete.* If your organization is not currently registered with Grants.gov, please encourage your office to designate an AOR and ask that individual to begin the registration process as soon as possible.

To begin the application process for this grant program, go to <http://www.grants.gov> and click on “Apply for Grants.” Tab at the top of the page, then click on “Apply Step 1: Download a

Grant Application Package and Application Instructions” to download the PureEdge viewer and obtain the application package for the announcement (https://apply.grants.gov/forms_apps_idx.html). To download the PureEdge viewer click on the “PureEdge Viewer” link. Once you have downloaded the viewer, you may retrieve the application package by entered the Funding Opportunity Number (EPA-R5-ARDRNFY06) or the CFDA number 66.032 that applies to the announcement, in the appropriate field. You may also be able to access the application package by clicking on the button “How to Apply” at the top right of the synopsis page for this announcement on <http://www.grant.gov> (to find the synopsis page go to <http://www.grants.gov> and click on the “Find Grant Opportunities” button on the top of the page and then go to EPA opportunities)

Application Submission Deadline: Your organization’s AOR must submit your complete application electronically to EPA through Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>) no later than **11:59 pm Eastern Time, March 31, 2006.**

Please submit *all* of the starred proposal/application materials described below. To view the full funding announcement, go <http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/tribes/contacts.htm#grants> or go to <http://www.grants.gov> and click on “Find Grant Opportunities” at the top of the page and then click on “Browse by Agency” and select Environmental Protection Agency

Application Materials

The following forms and documents may be required to be submitted under this announcement: The starred items are required for evaluation, while the others are required upon selection for award of the grant funds.

1. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)*
2. Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)*
3. EPA Key Contacts Form 5700-54
4. Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)
5. Grants.gov Lobbying Form
6. EPA Form 4700-4 – Pre-award Compliance Review Report
7. Project Narrative Attachment Form (Work Plan)*
8. Budget Narrative Attachment Form (Budget Detail)*
9. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL), if applicable

The application package *must* include all of the following materials:

1. Standard Form (SF) 424, Application for Federal Assistance*

Complete the form. There are no attachments.

Please note that the organizational Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number must be included on the SF-424. Organizations may obtain a DUNS number at no cost by calling the toll-free DUNS number request line at 1-866-705-5711.

2. SF-424A, Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs*

Complete the form. There are no attachments.

The total amount of federal funding requested for the one-year project period should be shown on line 5(e) and on line 6(k) of SF-424A. If indirect costs are included, the amount of indirect costs should be entered on line 6(j). The indirect cost rate (i.e., a percentage),

the base (e.g., personnel costs and fringe benefits), and the amount should also be indicated on line 22. If indirect costs are requested, a copy of the Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement must be submitted as part of the application package. (See instructions for document 10 below.)

3. **SF-424B, Assurances for Non-Construction Programs**
Complete the form. There are no attachments.
4. **Grants.gov Lobbying Form – Certification Regarding Lobbying**
Complete the form. There are no attachments.
5. **EPA Form 5700-54, Key Contacts Form**
Complete the form. There are no attachments.
If additional pages are needed, attach these additional pages to the electronic application package by using the “Other Attachments Form” in the “Optional Documents” box. (See Application Preparation and Submission Instructions below for more details.)
6. **EPA Form 4700-4, Pre-Award Compliance Review Report**
Complete the form. There are no attachments.
7. **Project Narrative Attachment Form – Work Plan, Including a Quality Assurance Narrative Statement (In this form , applicants must provide the information specified in Section IV of this announcement)***
8. **Budget Narrative Attachment Form – Detailed Itemized Budget***
Prepare the Detailed Itemized Budget and attach is by clicking on “Budget Narrative Attachment Form” and then “Add Mandatory Budget Narrative.” (See Application Preparation and Submission Instructions below for more details.)
9. **SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (i.e., required if your organization is involved in lobbying)** Complete the form if your organization is involved in lobbying activities.
10. **Other Attachments Form – Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if indirect costs are included in the project budget)**
Use the “Other Attachments Form” in the “Optional Documents” box to attach a copy of your organization’s Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, if applicable. (See Application Preparation and Submission Instructions below for more details.)
You must submit a copy of your organization’s Indirect Cost Rate Agreement as part of the application package if your proposed budget includes indirect costs.
11. **Other Attachments Form – Biographical Sketches for the Project Manager(s)**
Use the “Other Attachments Form” in the “Optional Documents” box to attach a copy of the biographical sketch of each project manager for the proposed project. Each biographical sketch should outline the education, work history, and knowledge/expertise of the individual that relate to managing the proposed project.

Application Preparation and Submission Instructions

Documents 1, 2, 7, and 8 listed under Application Materials above should appear in the “Mandatory Documents” box on the Grants.gov Grant Application Package page.

For documents 1 and 2, click on the appropriate form and then click “Open Form” below the box. The fields that must be completed will be highlighted in yellow. Optional fields and completed fields will be displayed in white. If you enter an invalid response or incomplete information in a field, you will receive an error message. When you have finished filling out each form, click “Save.” When you return to the electronic Grant Application Package page, click on the form you just completed, and then click on the box that says, “Move Form to Submission List.” This action will move the document over to the box that says, “Mandatory Completed Documents for Submission.”

For documents 7 and 8, you will need to attach electronic files. Prepare your project Work Plan using the format outlined above (see document 7 under Application Materials) and save the document to your computer as an MS Word or WordPerfect file. (U.S. EPA prefers to receive documents in MS Word, but documents prepared in WordPerfect will also be accepted.) When you are ready to attach your Work Plan to the application package, click on “Project Narrative Attachment Form,” and open the form. Click “Add Mandatory Project Narrative File,” and then attach your Work Plan (previously saved to your computer) using the browse window that appears. You may then click “View Mandatory Project Narrative File” to view it. Enter a brief descriptive title of your project in the space beside “Mandatory Project Narrative File Filename;” the filename should be no more than 40 characters long. If there are other attachments that you would like to submit to accompany your Work Plan, you may click “Add Optional Project Narrative File” and proceed as before. When you have finished attaching the necessary documents, click “Close Form.” When you return to the “Grant Application Package” page, select the “Project Narrative Attachment Form” and click “Move Form to Submission List.” The form should now appear in the box that says, “Mandatory Completed Documents for Submission.” Follow the same general procedures for attaching document 8 – the Detailed Itemized Budget – using the “Budget Narrative Attachment Form.”

Documents 9 through 11 are listed in the “Optional Documents” box, but *please note that these so-called “optional” documents must also be submitted as part of the application package, if applicable to your organization.* You are only required to submit document 9 – SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities – if your organization is involved in lobbying activities. You are required to submit document 10 – Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement – if you have included any indirect costs in your proposed budget. You must submit document 11 – Biographical Sketches for Project Manager(s). To attach document 10 and document 11, use the “Other Attachments Form” in the “Optional Documents” box. After attaching the documents, please remember to highlight the “Other Attachments Form” and click “Move Form to Submission List” in order to move the documents to the box that says, “Optional Completed Documents for Submission.”

Once you have finished filling out all of the forms/attachments and they appear in one of the “Completed Documents for Submission” boxes, click the “Save” button that appears at the top of the Web page. It is suggested that you save the document a second time, using a different name, since this will make it easier to submit an amended package later if necessary. Please use the following format when saving your file: “Applicant Name – FY06 – Assoc Prog Supp – 1st

Submission” or “Applicant Name – FY 06 Assoc Prog Supp – Back-up Submission.” If it becomes necessary to submit an amended package at a later date, then the name of the 2nd submission should be changed to “Applicant Name – FY06 Assoc Prog Supp – 2nd Submission.”

Once your application package has been completed and saved, send it to your AOR for submission to U.S. EPA through Grants.gov. Please advise your AOR to close all other software programs before attempting to submit the application package through Grants.gov.

In the “Application Filing Name” box, your AOR should enter your organization’s name (abbreviate where possible), the fiscal year (e.g., FY06), and the grant category (e.g., Assoc Prog Supp). The filing name should not exceed 40 characters. From the “Grant Application Package” page, your AOR may submit the application package by clicking the “Submit” button that appears at the top of the page. The AOR will then be asked to verify the agency and funding opportunity number for which the application package is being submitted. If problems are encountered during the submission process, the AOR should reboot his/her computer before trying to submit the application package again. [It may be necessary to turn off the computer (not just restart it) before attempting to submit the package again.] If the AOR continues to experience submission problems, he/she may contact Grants.gov for assistance by phone at 1-800-518-4726 or email at support@grants.gov.

Region 5 Contact Information:

If you have not received a confirmation of receipt from EPA (*not from support@grant.gov*) within 30 days of the application deadline, please contact:

Michael H. Murphy, Regional Radon Coordinator by e-mail at Murphy.michael@epa.gov, or by calling (312)353-6686. Failure to do so may result in your application not being reviewed. For hard copy submittal, please send all of the application materials to:

**Attention: Regional Radon Coordinator
USEPA Region 5
Integrated Air Toxics Section
77 West Jackson Boulevard (AT-18J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604**

V. Application Review Information

Evaluation Process: Pre-applications will be reviewed by a panel which will evaluate how applicants address each of the above-mentioned criteria in Sections III and IV.

Three USEPA Region 5 staff will be responsible for reviewing each proposal. The three staff forming the Review Group for each proposal will consist of: a programmatic lead for the specific project type; another program-specific staff person; and, a Region 5 staff person outside of the specified program but familiar with the Grants Procedures. Each member of the Review Group may score up to 100 points for each proposal. These points will be calculated using the Evaluation System, which is based on ranking the Eligibility Criteria specified below. The final score will be an arithmetic average (mean) of the three panelists’ scores, and then placing the rankings in numerical order to make the proposal selections. The final award decision will be made by the selecting/approval

official

General Ranking Criteria - Final funding decision will be made based on the quality of how well the following factors are met:

- 1) Evaluating the quality of the Description of Priority Topic Areas for Consideration Eligibility Criteria (See bulleted items in Section IV, above) and applicant's experience with topic areas (40 points);
- 2) Identifying the geographic locations and extent of anticipated environmental impact of the project in the region (10 points);
- 3) Incorporating the Regional aspects of priorities described in Section IV, above, which includes recommended areas to address (20 points);
- 4) Evaluating the relative cost of USEPA Region-funded portion of project compared to the relative benefit (10 points);
- 5) Demonstration by documenting staff experience and other resource support (including funding) (10 points);
- 6) Coordinating and forming Cooperative working groups with partners (letters of support from identified partners will be required at time of final grant application) (5 points);
- 7) Submitting application and incorporating the environmental results criteria and evaluating applicants past performance in reporting outputs and outcomes, if applicable. (5 points);

VI. Award Administration Information

Title III of TSCA, IRAA, and specifically the Indian Radon Pilot Project Act (IRPPA) under TSCA section 10, gives the USEPA broad authority to address indoor radon exposure issues, develop and disseminate information on radon and coordinate radon efforts at the federal, state, and local level. Also, USEPA's general assistance regulations at 40 CFR Part 31, apply to Indian tribal governments. In addition, OMB Circular A-87, the applicable cost principles apply to costs incurred and work performed under these grants.

USEPA reserves the right to review all materials and data that apply to the grant project. If new materials become available, the grantee will be encouraged to incorporate these materials and other appropriate information related to the project as applicable. Furthermore, the grantee is required to submit quarterly and final progress reports. All information pertaining to this application process needs to be available in electronic formats and able to be forwarded in an attachment to e-mails upon request.

For pre-applications that are selected for funding, additional information specified to under Section IV and the remainder of required forms specified in Section IV to make a complete grant application package will be required for the scope of the proposed work under the grant pre-application and workplan submitted.

Once chosen and notified, the applicant will have to finalize all project descriptions and provide all of the additional information, forms, and documentation requests by June 16, 2006, so that the project may be funded to begin on October 1, 2006.

Since Fiscal Year 2000 it has been a requirement that a quality management plan (QMP) for the State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) program must be in development to be approved, or currently be approved to be eligible for any funding from USEPA. For Tribal radon projects, a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) may be adequate to meet this requirement. This QMP or QAPP will need to be submitted to be approved by the Radiation Quality Assurance Coordinator and the appropriate Regional Quality Assurance staff within 90 days of awarding of any funding for this program. Other information on Quality Assurance Programs for USEPA grants or programs may be found and downloaded at: <http://www.epa.gov/quality/>.

Dispute Resolution Process. Assistance agreement competition-related disputes involving any applicant will be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures published in 70 FR (Federal Register) 3629, 3630 (January 26, 2005) which can be found at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-1371.htm> . Copies of these procedures may also be requested by contacting murphy.michael@epa.gov.

VII. Agency Contacts

Applicants must mail their proposals forms to the following address:

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<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm> or at
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_forms.html.

VIII. Other Information